

**MAPLE GROVE
ARBOR COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2016
MAPLE GROVE GOVERNMENT CENTER
7:00 PM**

Call to Order	The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Julie Gamber at 7:01 p.m.
Members Present	Marilyn Arnlund, Julie Gamber, Rory Howell, Frank Kampel, Mary Lynn KenKnight, Terri Polski
Members Absent	Mary Parenteau, Steve Courtney, Joseph Hogeboom, Ed Reichow
Also Present	Judy Hanson – City Council Liaison Kelly Matzke - Staff Representative
Oath of Office	Councilmember Hanson administered the oaths of office to Vice Chairperson Mary Lynn KenKnight and Terri Polski. Their terms will expire on December 31, 2018.
Approval of Agenda and Minutes	<p>Julie Gamber asked if there were any additions or revisions to the agenda. Kelly Matzke requested to add “Item 4-C”, which would address a revised Kiddiegarten landscape plan. Kelly Matzke also requested to add “Item 5-A”, which would be introduced as the HyVee landscape plan. Marilyn Arnlund requested to add “Item 5-B”, which was the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program. Hearing no further additions, Terri Polski made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of 4-C, 5-A, and 5-B. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Lynn KenKnight and passed unanimously on a voice vote.</p> <p>Julie Gamber asked if there were any revisions to the January 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Vice Chairperson Mary Lynn KenKnight made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Frank Kampel and passed unanimously on a voice vote.</p>

Old Business

EAB Management Plan
Update

Kelly Matzke stated that staff is continuing to work on an EAB Management Plan. Kelly Matzke also stated that Hennepin County, along with the MN Department of Agriculture is helping in planning efforts. He mentioned that enforcing the diseased tree ordinance is something that is being discussed. Vice Chairperson Mary Lynn KenKnight asked how the City will be enforcing the ordinance. Kelly Matzke stated that staff is planning on handling complaints on an individual basis, and not looking for diseased trees on private property. He also stated that he will talk to Ken Ashfeld about the diseased tree ordinance that is currently in place.

Kelly Matzke mentioned that the budgeted cost for EAB is something that is still being determined. The tree inventory is approximately 40-50% complete so the total numbers are still unknown. Kelly Matzke stated that the current plan being drafted does not include replacement of boulevard trees taken down on residential streets.

Kelly Matzke stated that staff hopes to have a copy of the EAB Management Plan in the Arbor Committee's possession in the spring, and after review, to make the recommendation to the Council to adopt the EAB Management Plan.

Arbor Day Planning

Kelly Matzke introduced this item, and reminded the Committee that the 2016 Arbor Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Maple Grove Community Center. The Arbor Committee had previously discussed this item at the January 14, 2016 meeting.

Kelly Matzke stated that the following items have been confirmed for the event:

- Reptile and Amphibian Zoo
- U of MN Raptor Center
- Audubon Society
- Smokey the Bear/EAB Costume
- Master Gardeners/Tree Care Advisors

- Stop the EAB Nerf Game
- Tote Bags
- Dundee Nursery-Tree Delivery
- Tree Seedling Giveaway
- Wood Carvers
- Mulch Display

Kelly Matzke stated that Home Depot is no longer able to provide birdhouses; however, they are able to provide tool boxes. Marilyn Arnlund stated that, if anything, the tool boxes would be good to keep kids entertained and involved. Frank Kampel stated that changing the name from a tool box to a flower box would be a good option. Kelly Matzke said he would check with Home Depot to see if changing the name would be acceptable.

Terri Polski stated that she would not be able to attend the Arbor Committee Event this year, and that she is still interested in helping organize the passbook scavenger hunt if the Committee is interested. Kelly Matzke suggested tabling this topic, and discussing more at the next meeting.

Kelly Matzke stated that Hennepin County contacted him about having a booth at the Arbor Day Event with information about recycling and composting. Frank Kampel stated that they have been involved with the Arbor Day Event in past years, and it would definitely be something we would be interested in. Kelly Matzke stated that he will contact Hennepin County, and get them booked for the event.

Marilyn Arnlund stated that it would be good to have the tree inventory, buckthorn, and DNR invasive species booths in the same area. Frank Kampel agreed, and said that making that adjustment should not be a problem. Kelly Matzke stated that he is planning on stopping over at the Maple Grove Community Center to see the layout of the rooms that are reserved for the Arbor Day Event.

Julie Gamber expressed concern about the Arbor Day Event only having 2 one-hour presentations. Marilyn Arnlund stated that she thought having someone come in to do face painting, or blowing up balloons would be a great option. The Committee concurred, and Kelly

Matzke stated that he would try and contact someone that would be interested in providing this type of service.

Kiddiegarten
Landscaping Revision

Kelly Matzke introduced this item, and explained that the revised landscape plan submitted by Kiddiegarten has made all of the suggested changes that the Arbor Committee recommended. Kelly Matzke also stated that the landscape plan does meet all of the minimum requirements of trees, along with not using over 20% of trees of one species.

Vice Chairperson Mary Lynn KenKnight stated that the arborvitae is not a good shrub for this area. She also was concerned about the location of the arborvitaes. Terri Polski agreed, and suggested having some of the shrubs moved over to the west side of the lot.

Frank Kampel expressed concern about the amount of trees located in the north side of the lot. Julie Gamber agreed and recommended having the trees spread out on the west side of the lot as well. Marilyn Arnlund added that she would recommend having three of the honey locust trees put into the islands in the parking lot, rather than using arborvitaes on the island. Kelly Matzke stated that he would make the suggestions to Kiddiegarten.

MN GreenStep City
Program

Marilyn Arnlund introduced this item to the Committee. She stated that Maple Grove is currently not a member of the Minnesota GreenStep City, but we meet many of the criteria needed in order to become a GreenStep City. Marilyn Arnlund suggested taking home the information for review and being prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Area Reports

Kelly Matzke shared with the Committee that he received an email from a resident concerned that people are not following the City Ordinance and keeping their dogs on leashes when taking them through the Forest Preservation Area off of Vicksburg Lane. He mentioned that the Ordinance applies to all areas in Maple Grove,

and he plans on meeting with the resident in the spring to discuss installing signs reminding residents that the Ordinance applies to all areas in the City of Maple Grove.

Adjournment

Rory Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Terri Polski and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Matzke, Staff Representative
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee